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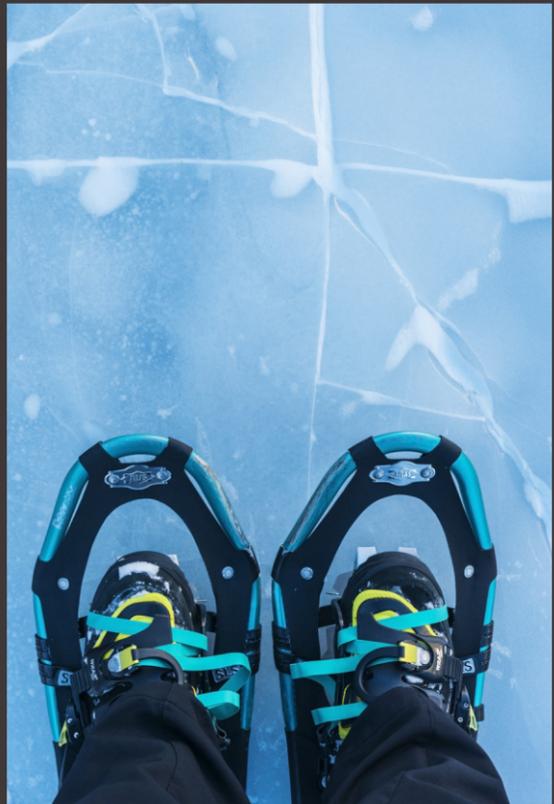
Far left: A lone skater on Lake McDonald, Glacier National Park. Tom Burke photo

HUNT

Left: Grouse hunting in the Snowcrest Mountains. Jack Ballard photo

ICE FISH

Below: Custom ice fishing rod. Jeremie Hollman photo



ICE FISHING

Above: Happy angler with a perch. Jeremie Hollman photo

SNOWSHOEING

Left: Snowshoes on ice. Dawn Wilson photo

Get Out in It

It seemed like the winter of 2017-18 would never end. Billings had its snowiest winter in recorded history. East Glacier received 78 inches of snow in February alone. The Weather Channel ranked Havre's winter as the "worst in the United States."

Now here we are, facing more months of cold, snow, and ice. What's a Montanan to do to survive the frigid season ahead, other than migrate south with the waterfowl and

warblers and return in June?

Bundling up helps. Winter is no time for vanity. Pile on the layers. Guys, consider wearing mittens, as well as hats that cover your ears. Women figured that out ages ago and are warmer for it.

We believe that the best way to deal with winter is to meet it head on and get out in it. Skate. Hike. Snowshoe. Ski. Watch birds. Hunt. Trap. Ice fish. Catch snow-

flakes on your tongue. Just don't let winter keep you indoors. If that happens, winter wins—plus you'll miss out on some of Montana's most beautiful scenery and exhilarating adventures.

We can't let that happen. 🐻

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Right: Cross-country skiers on the Rendezvous trails in West Yellowstone. Chuck Haney photo





Clockwise from top left:

DOWNHILL SKIING

Skiing through powder in Whitefish. Chuck Haney photo

SNOW KITING

Snow kiting on a frozen field. Elizabeth Moore photo

SNOWMOBILING

Exploring the Two Top Snowmobile Trail near West Yellowstone. Ken Takata photo

HIKING

Right: Hiking limestone slot canyons in the Big Belt Mountains. Kevin League photo

ICE CLIMBING

Above: Ice climbing Cataract Falls, west of Augusta. John Lambing photo

BIRD WATCHING

Left: Observing migrating snow geese at Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area. Elizabeth Moore photo